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Remember San Francisco?

By David Harper

Carlton "Fred" Schwan was given the Numismatic Literary Guild's top award, the Clemy, July 28 at the group's annual bash held in San Francisco during the 2005 American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money.

As is tradition, the prior recipient of the Clemy, Neil Shafer, selected Schwan, but because of ill health was unable to personally pass the honor along. Emcee Wendell Wolka read a statement from Shafer detailing his choice.

"I want that typewriter," exclaimed Schwan at the podium in accepting the award. He referred to the original gold-plated typewriter physical form that the Clemy took in 1968 and which is now at American Numismatic Association headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO.

Before the Clemy was given, a program of satirical humor at the expense of the the state of Ohio, defeated ANA board candidates and just about anyone of any stature was staged live.

"I have no shame left," declared defeated ANA presidential candidate Will Rossman before he sang, "Oh Lord, Won't you buy Me a Presidency?" to a famous tune by Janis Joplin. The rendition delighted a usually finicky audience.

Executive director Ed Reiter offered a number of marriage

combinations to the delight of those present. If Laura Bush married Mel Wacks, she would become Laura Bush Wacks. If American Numismatic Society executive director Ute Wartenberg married South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, she would become Ute Tutu.

He entertained the audience with a song dedicated to the mess in Ohio, calling it "Coin Gate" to the tune of "Toyland."

A year in review by Wolka led off with "Buckeye Coin Fiasco." He poked fun at new ANA president Bill Horton when he said that his experience in New Jersey public works "will be invaluable when dealing with a new board."

In the ongoing ANA effort to cut costs, Wolka said the name of the association's monthly publication would be changed from Numismatist to just Num, at a savings of \$6,000 a year.

F + W Publications, parent firm of Numismatic News did not get off unscathed. Commenting on its pending sale, Wolka suggested it was being bought by a company, the acronym of which stands for "We Need to Hide the Money Someplace."

Scott Travers and Anthony Swiatek conducted the Carnak

ritual, with Swiatek giving the answers to questions not yet revealed by Travers.

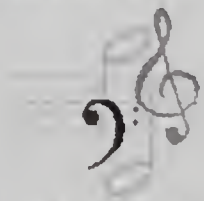
With an answer of 230 discerned by the magnificent Swiatek, the question as revealed from opening the sealed envelope by Travers was: "How many more employees would Heritage need in order for Will Rossman to have won the election?" The humor, of course, depended on the narrow margin by which Horton beat Rossman in the race for the ANA presidency and the possible predisposition of the firm to its former employee.

But in all of the night's proceedings, Ohio was never far away. With a Carnak answer of the Columbus Discovery Group came the question, "What is the name of the team looking into Tom Noe's finances?"

David T. Alexander had some good bits, with the best one being Whitman was going to issue "The Guide Book to Guide Books".

Poignant moments came when Don Kagin remembered his father Art, and Beth Deisher offered her remembrance of John J. Ford Jr. and plaques of Extraordinary Merit were awarded.

Editor's Notes



by Michael Sedgwick

I've been googled!! I can't believe it!!! There are some things that you think will never happen to you, and until Kathy - who was obviously carried away by the idea of my own importance ... yeah yeah!!! - decided to check me out, being listed on the web was the farthest thought from my mind... I don't know if it is a good thing or a bad thing... Does it matter? Does anybody really care??? Personally I doubt it very much.

The apparent object of my Googleness is via our friends at the ANA and a piece I wrote for the *Numismatist* on *The Lord of the Rings* coins. A little further on I am referenced as Editor of the NLG Newsletter (yes I know!!!) But then once more, on the next page, there I am under the British Royal Mint, listed as their PR contact... I wonder if they even know? Not that I am their PR contact - they do know that, but I wonder if they know that the Mint - and me with them - have also been googelized.

I confess that even with this kind of engrandishment, I haven't looked through all of the countless pages and the many other Michael Sedgwick's listed there. The few that I did look at all seemed so much more important, and to have far greater reason for being there... probably it's all a huge mistake, and one day soon Google will realize their error, and delete me!

It does remind me though, of an interview I heard recently on Public Radio. A writer (of real books and reviews) was quite irate

at Google, because she had been credited for reviews which she never wrote of books she had never read. She had tried everything, from contacting Google to writing to the Publishers, but with no success. Six months later it was all still there.

More importantly though, I realize that if I'm there, you real writers of books, articles and newsletters, are sure to be there among all of your many credits, so please, when you see me at the next ANA Convention - don't rub it in!!

Speaking of the ANA, I had the pleasure of having breakfast with Walter Ostromecki. The ANA Board might not like him, but I certainly do...and I voted for him! I also count Ed Rochette among my friends - who doesn't when they know him - and I'm delighted that he finally got the recognition he deserves.

There seems to have been an awful lot that's happened since San Francisco. The Show has come and gone! The NLG has Symposed and Bashed, Awards have been garnered and a good time had by (nearly) all - I suspect that there was some disappointment among the contest losers. Reports are that the standard of entries was extremely

high, making it difficult - as chief judge Tom DeLorey says - to decide the winner in many categories.

It was good to have the opportunity of seeing long time friends and of making new ones and it was certainly very nice to get approving comments - indeed compliments - on the new format of the Newsletter. I'm sorry that we hit some heavy water in regard to the missing post - Convention issue.

Kudos to the ANA for pulling together the San Francisco Show in such fine style. The city is, of course, delightful and after a shaky - whoops, bad choice of word - misty and chilly start, the weather really took off and became just beautiful.

As mentioned on previous occasions, I never cease to be impressed by the pure strength of our hobby and of a Show the size of the ANA Summer Convention. Dealers and Mints from all over the world; Publishers who produce top class papers and magazines on a weekly or monthly basis; Exhibits of the highest possible standard and the enthusiasm of NLG members for the Contest and the Bash all come together to create the kind of "buzz" that can only be good for the hobby.

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Tokens, 1700-1900,
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One-Minute Coin Expert,
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Book,"

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George Cuhaj,
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Tom DeLorey, *COINage*

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"Numismatic Mysteries,"
Alan Herbert,
Coins Magazine

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COINage, September 2004,
Jeff Shoop, Publisher;
Coins Magazine, May 2005,
Robert Van Ryzin, Editor;
Coin Values, March 2005,
Beth Deisher, Editor

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Thracian Tetradrachms,"
Reid Goldsborough,
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"Christmas, the Time of St.
Eligius," Todd Haefer,
World Coin News

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"The Internet Connection,"
Kevin Barry and Zachary
Beasley, *The Celator*

BEST ISSUE

World Coin News,
December 2004, David C.
Harper, Editor
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MERIT: *The Celator*,
May 2004,
Kerry Wetterstrom, Editor

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Joel J. Orosz and Carl R.
Herkowitz, *American*
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The Numismatist, June
2004, Barbara Gregory,
Editor

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Louis E. Jordan,
Colonial Newsletter

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Chip Cutcliff,
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Atlanta Newsletter

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John Reich Journal, July 2004,
Brad Karoleff, Editor

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"Civil War Change
Shortage Gave Rise to
Curious Makeshifts,"
Fred L. Reed III,
Paper Money
"An Annotated
Bibliography of the
Published Writings of
Walter H. Breen,"
David F. Fanning,
The Asylum
The Asylum, Summer
2004, David Fanning,
Editor-in-Chief

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OR CONTINUING
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Rita Laws, *Coin World*

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Masterpieces," Rita
Laws, *Coin World*
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Bank Added to List of
Dillinger Hits," Bob
Cochran,
Bank Note Reporter
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"Family Ties Add
Meaning, History to
Items,"
James A. Downey,
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"Shades of the Blue and Grey,"
Fred Reed, *Bank Note Reporter*
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Bank Note Reporter, May
2005, David C. Harper,
Editor

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Dr. Sol Taylor,
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Issues 104-126," American
Numismatic Society,
Gary A. Trudgen, Editor
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"Chattanooga Money,"
Dennis Schafluetzel

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Part IV," Stack's

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Collection of United States
Large Cents," Heritage
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**LEE MARTIN FOUNDER'S
AWARD for Best Investment
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Maurice Rosen, *The Rosen
Numismatic Advisory*

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The Numismatic Sun,
American Numismatic
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Beth Deisher

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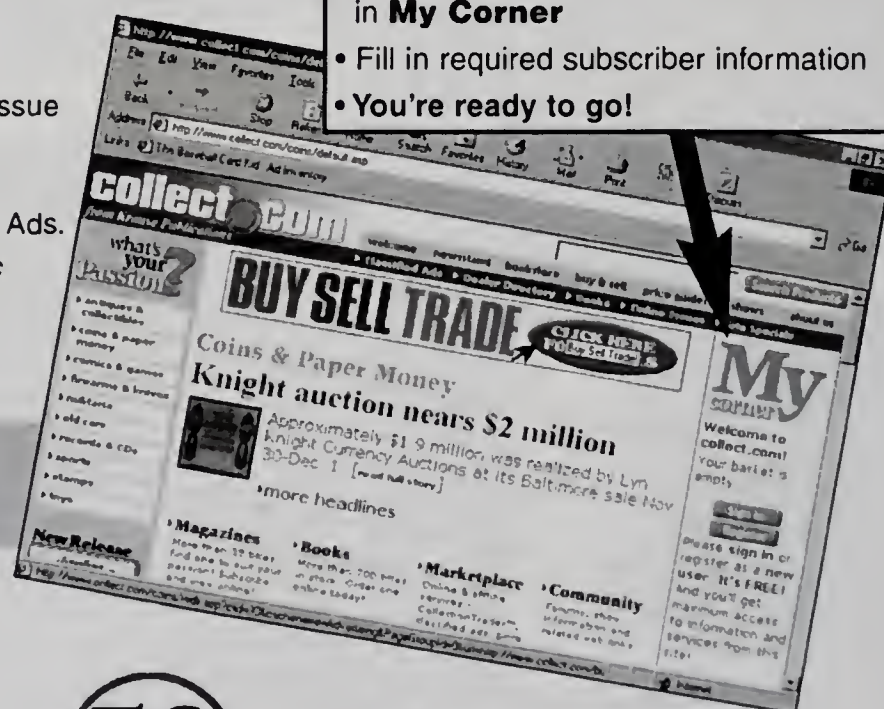
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A recent Teen edition of TV's long running "Jeopardy" program, included among its categories the subject "State Quarters". As per the usual format, questions had values ranging from \$200 to \$1000.

New Jersey was obviously regarded as an easy mark, with a value of \$400., while Tennessee and Kansas were selected to represent higher values of \$800 and \$1000 respectively.

While it was exciting, as a viewer, to see a numismatic subject chosen for the contest, what was particularly pleasing was the fact that the teenage contestants had the right answers.



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Ed Reiter



The saying goes "Nobody is indispensable" and while it has to be true, it is also true that some of us are more dispensable than others!

One of the least dispensable people I know is our worthy Executive Director, Ed Reiter.

As anyone who knows Ed is well aware, NLG is very close to his heart, and certainly over the years he has been a tireless and indefatigable asset to the organization. Always there for us when there were questions or concerns. He's an absolute fount of knowledge and always only too willing to share it with anyone asking.

Ed's recent spell of being sidelined put quite a crimp in plans for a post-Bash newsletter and for our part we apologize for that. More importantly it put a crimp in Ed's life and that of his family.

We know that we speak for the whole membership in wishing Ed a continued and speedy return to health and activity. We know what indispensable really means!

-Michael



START THINKING ABOUT THOSE CONTEST ENTRIES!



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